

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Speaks of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton's Dance
Last Night—She Comments on the Many
and Varied Doings of Today

THE Paul Clayton's dance at the Ritz last night was a great success, and all the debtors enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Barbara, their daughter and the guest of honor, looked very pretty in a dress of silver brocade trimmed with crystal which was becoming to her dark hair and eyes. She carried an old-fashioned bouquet which added just the right touch of color. Mrs. Clayton wore sapphire blue velvet combined with gold lace.

Tonight there will be a dance at the Acorn Club also for the debutantes. I should think they would be exhausted already, and this is only the beginning of November. The party will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Nevil Smythe, of Chestnut Hill, to introduce their younger daughter, Bertha. Their oldest daughter, Edith, married Thomas Ward and lives in Elmhurst, L. I., and Clarie, Bertha's second sister, made her debut three years ago, and is now working hard in the Junior League, of which she is secretary.

Among those who will give dinners before the dance will be Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Zimmerman, who will entertain for Celia, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Norton, who will entertain in honor of Barbara Clayton. Charlotte and Margareta Sharpless had planned a dinner for Anne H. Townsend, but they have postponed it until December 29, before the Yarnells' dance, when it will be for Celia Zimmerman and Bertha Smythe as well.

Tonight the ex-debs will have some parties, too, as Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dearborn Smith will give a dinner bridge and movie party (the movies will be shown at their own house, I hear), for their daughter, Virginia, and for Rhoda Brooks, Mrs. Trenchard Emery Newbold's daughter.

THE Pickering Hunt will have races at Mr. and Mrs. William J. Clothier's farm at Phoenixville this afternoon, and certainly there could not be more beautiful weather for such an event. Afterward Mr. and Mrs. Clothier will give a buffet supper.

There will be other doings this afternoon, too, including the wedding of Elaine English in Germantown. She will marry Basil Gordon, of Washington, son of the late Basil Gordon, of Baltimore, and Mrs. George Barnett, wife of Major General Barnett, former commandant of the U. S. M. C. Her sister, Beatrice, will act as maid of honor, and there will be four bridesmaids and a little girl.

At the Gordon wedding, there will be a pair of ushers from Baltimore, Washington, and this city, and the best man will be a Baltimorean. I hear that Elaine and her husband are planning to live in Washington.

IN TELLING of today's doings, I must not forget to mention the debutantes, which we will do with pleasure. This afternoon the bud will be Marlon Fitchmore, and her parents will give the tea for her at their home in Merion. The receiving party will be Agnes Yarnell, Elizabeth Barringer, Margaret McLean, Mrs. Wilson, Mary McLean, Rolin, Betty Green, Peggy McLean, Verner Panton and Mary Virginia Ball. Afterward there will be a dinner-dance for them and some additional guests.

IVE been hearing of the fashion show which Mrs. John Fortescue, of London, gave at New Bond Street for the benefit of the Soldiers and Sailors Club there. You know Mrs. Fortescue is to have charge of a similar show here on Tuesday at the Broad Street Theatre in aid of the Charlotte Club, which will be held at Fairmount Dolors, and such attractive girls as Peggy Thayer, Ellen Douglas Lloyd and Mrs. Walter Waring Hopkinson will act as mannikins. If I am not mistaken, the dresses which are to be shown here, as far as they were shown in New York, are the same.

In that city actresses were mostly the afternoon, while debutantes took part in the evening. One of the most spectacular dresses, called Les Chiffres, was of black silk, heavily embroidered with sequins and flowers, worn with a shawl-like cape of the same material and colors. There was a dance frock of turquoise blue velvet edged with ermine, and a third, which must have been equally attractive, was of black and silk, which rippled as the wearer walked.

It is interesting to note that the dresses reached to the ankles or even lower.

EVERY year some deb seems to suffer a casualty from hockey. Do you remember seeing Louis Ashurst, now Mrs. Butler Smythe, at her coming-out with several black and blue spots up her arm, the result of a too-strenuous Sunday afternoon's hockey?

The latest victim is Sue Goodman, who has been going to all the parties this week with a large black eye. Sue, you know, is a star performer on one of the local teams at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, and understand that last Saturday, when the club played Lynn Mawr College, one of the players ran into her during the game and hence the wounded eye.

Two years ago Gertrude Dougherty, who was, as last winter, was quite seriously hit in the eye in a hockey game. Sometimes the game is pretty rough, but as a rule perfectly safe.

It hope Sue will soon recover; the blow must have been very painful.

THE plays and players will give a house-warming for the members at their new building on Tuesday night. You know the house takes the Little Theatre for their clubhouse, and Tuesday evening they will give several plays which sound most interesting.

The first play will be "As We Were," written and directed by Mrs. L. Stauffer, O'Dell. The cast will include Mrs. Bill Kirk, Mrs. Harrison K. Cane, Jr., Mrs. Howard H. Reber, Mrs. C. Varnell Abbott, Helena L. Birnbaum, Mrs. Philip Cast, Mrs. Joseph Conover, Mrs. Charles Granow, Mrs. Robert Geddes, Mrs. Georgiana Brown-Peterson, Katherine McCarron, Joseph Morganthau, Judge John Patterson, Arthur Reese, Mrs. William Sergeant, Harvey Saven, Henry Schaefer and Alfred Vreden.

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Surprise Parties and Bridge Lure South Philadelphians

A surprise birthday party was given Mrs. William Hayes, of 2422 South Hicks street, on Friday evening, by her husband, Mr. William Haines. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayes, Mrs. Eddie Creasy, Mr. and Mrs. Dehaven and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McCloud.

Mrs. Charles E. Goodman, who has been staying in Boston, will return to her home in Bryn Mawr next week.

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